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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gary Hartmann

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

The Office action mailed May 16, 2006 is hereby withdrawn, as the action was directed to the wrong set of claims. A new rejection is set forth below. Because the Office was notified of the mistake in the third month following the rejection, applicant is given only a one month response period; however, the time period may be extended up to six months.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wirtgen (German Patent 26 50 487).

Wirtgen discloses an apparatus including a chassis (Figure 1), heating source (6) and a driven rotatable brush (13). The brush has bristles connectable with the road marking and for removing the marking from the road. Because the brush is intended to contact heated asphalt, it meets the broad recitation of "adapted for being heated directly by the heating source." In other words, the term "adapted" is being read such that the bristles are capable of withstanding said heat. This broadly meets claim recitations.

The heating source is optionally powered by fuel.

The heating source is adjustable by a vertical adjustable means (7).

The pressure adjustment means meet the recitation of springs.

The brush could be replaced.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Onishi (Japanese Patent 11-217810).

Onishi discloses an apparatus and method including a chassis (Figures 1 and 2), heating source (3) and a driven rotatable brush (7). The brush has bristles connectable with a road marking and is adapted for being heated by the heating source (Figure 2, for example). Regarding the marking, there are some markings which could be removed by Onishi. Additionally, no recitations have been made with respect to the physical characteristics of the marking; therefore, little patentable weight has been given to recitations of the marking.

The heating source is a fuel torch.

The heating source is adjustable.

The brush could be replaced.

There are multiple brushes (Figure 3).

Onishi operates in the manner claimed. Again, note that little patentable weight has been given to the recitation of "marking."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wirtgen, as applied above.

It is well known to attach brushes to earth working machines in order to clean debris from a work area. For this purpose, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used an additional brush with Wirtgen. Given this configuration, it is deemed that the bristles would inherently be different, since they would function for a completely different purpose.

Regarding claim 10, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the brushes spin in opposing directions in order to remove debris as desired.

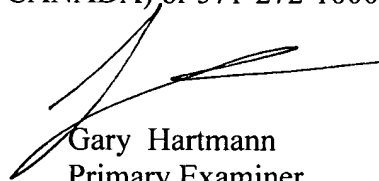
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Hartmann whose telephone number is 571-272-6989. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday, 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached on 571-272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Hartmann', is written over the printed name.

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